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TO ALL PARTIES:

Enclosed please find the recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Amanda Pope. The recommendation has been filed in the form of an Order on:

DNR ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. dba DESERT WIND COMMUNICATIONS (CC&N/RESELLER)

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-110(B), you may file exceptions to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge by filing an original and thirteen (13) copies of the exceptions with the Commission's Docket Control at the address listed below by **4:00 p.m.** on or before:

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The enclosed is <u>NOT</u> an order of the Commission, but a recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge to the Commissioners. Consideration of this matter has <u>tentatively</u> been scheduled for the Commission's Working Session and Open Meeting to be held on:

APRIL 20 AND 21, 2004

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1	BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION							
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3 4 5	MARC SPITZER, Chairman WILLIAM A. MUNDELL JEFF HATCH-MILLER MIKE GLEASON KRISTIN K. MAYES							
6 7 8 9	N THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ONR ENTERPRISES, L.L.C. dba DESERT WIND COMMUNICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE RESOLD INTEREXCHANGE FELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, EXCEPT LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA. DOCKET NO. T-04217A-03-0810 DECISION NO DECISION NO ORDER							
1 2	Open Meeting April 20 and 21, 2004 Phoenix, Arizona							
3	BY THE COMMISSION:							
4	Having considered the entire record herein and being fully advised in the premises, the							
5	Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") finds, concludes, and orders that:							
16	FINDINGS OF FACT							
7	1. On November 6, 2003, DNR Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Desert Wind Communications							
18	("Applicant" or "Desert Wind") filed with the Commission an application for a Certificate of							
19	Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to provide competitive resold interexchange							
20	telecommunications services, except local exchange services, within Maricopa County, Arizona.							
21	2. Applicant is a switchless reseller that purchases telecommunications services from a							
22	variety of carriers for resale to its customers.							
23	3. In Decision No. 58926 (December 22, 1994), the Commission found that resold							
24	telecommunications providers ("resellers") are public service corporations subject to the jurisdiction							
25	of the Commission.							
26	4. Desert Wind has authority to transact business in the State of Arizona.							
27	5. On December 30, 2003, Desert Wind filed an Affidavit of Publication indicating							
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compliance with the Commission's notice requirements.

- 6. On March 1, 2004, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") filed a Staff Report in this matter, which includes Staff's fair value rate base determination in this matter and recommends approval of the application subject to certain conditions.
- 7. In the Staff Report, Staff stated that Desert Wind provided unaudited financial statements for the five month period ending December 31, 2003, which list assets of \$30,529, equity of \$29,885, and a net loss of \$34,414.
- 8. In its Staff Report, Staff stated that based on information obtained from the Applicant, it has determined that Desert Wind's fair value rate base ("FVRB") is \$4,000. Staff has determined that Applicant's FVRB is too small to be useful in a fair value analysis and is not useful in setting rates. Staff further stated that in general, rates for competitive services are not set according to rate of return regulation, but are heavily influenced by the market. While Staff considered the FVRB information, it did not believe the information deserved substantial weight in setting rates for Desert Wind.
- 9. Staff believes that Desert Wind has no market power and that the reasonableness of its rates will be evaluated in a market with numerous competitors. In light of the competitive market in which the Applicant will be providing its services, Staff believes that the rates in Applicant's proposed tariffs for its competitive services will be just and reasonable, and recommends that the Commission approve them.
 - 10. Staff recommended approval of Desert Wind's application subject to the following:
 - (a) The Applicant should be ordered to comply with all Commission rules, orders, and other requirements relevant to the provision of intrastate telecommunications service;
 - (b) The Applicant should be ordered to maintain its accounts and records as required by the Commission;
 - (c) The Applicant should be ordered to file with the Commission all financial and other reports that the Commission may require, and in a form and at such times as the Commission may designate;
 - (d) The Applicant should be ordered to maintain on file with the Commission all

current tariffs and rates, and any service standards that the Commission may require;

- (e) The Applicant should be ordered to comply with the Commission's rules and modify its tariffs to conform to these rules if it is determined that there is a conflict between the Applicant's tariffs and the Commission's rules;
- (f) The Applicant should be ordered to cooperate with Commission investigations, including but not limited to, customer complaints;
- (g) The Applicant should be ordered to participate in and contribute to the Arizona Universal Service Fund, as required by the Commission;
- (h) The Applicant should be ordered to notify the Commission immediately upon changes to the Applicant's name, address or telephone number;
- (i) Should the Applicant seek to collect from its customers an advance, deposit, and/or prepayment, it must file an application, which references this docket and explains the Applicant's plan for procuring a performance bond, with the Commission for Staff review. Upon receipt of such filing and after review, Staff will forward its recommendations to the Commission;
- (j) The Applicant's intrastate interexchange service offerings should be classified as competitive pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1108;
- (k) The Applicant's maximum rates should be the maximum rates proposed by the Applicant in its proposed tariffs. The minimum rates for the Applicant's competitive services should be the Applicant's total service long run incremental costs of providing those services as set forth in A.A.C. R14-2-1109; and
- (1) In the event that the Applicant states only one rate in its proposed tariff for a competitive service, the rate stated should be the effective (actual) price to be charged for the service as well as the service's maximum rate.
- 11. Staff further recommended that Desert Wind's Certificate should be conditioned upon the Applicant filing conforming tariffs in accordance with this Decision within 365 days of the effective date of this Decision, or 30 days prior to providing service, whichever comes first.
- 12. Staff recommended that if the Applicant fails to meet the timeframes outlined in Findings of Fact No. 11, that Desert Wind's Certificate should become null and void without further Order of the Commission and that no time extensions for compliance should be granted.
- 13. Staff recommended that if Desert Wind desires to discontinue service, it should be required to notify each of its local interexchange customers and the Commission 60 days prior to

filing an application to discontinue service pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107.

- 14. The rates proposed by this filing are for competitive services.
- 15. Staff's recommendations as set forth herein are reasonable.
- 16. Desert Wind's fair value rate base is \$4,000.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Applicant is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-281 and 40-282.
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter of the application.
 - 3. Notice of the application was given in accordance with the law.
- 4. Applicant's provision of resold interexchange telecommunications services is in the public interest.
- 5. Applicant is a fit and proper entity to receive a Certificate as conditioned herein for providing competitive resold interexchange telecommunications services in Arizona.
- 6. Staff's recommendations in Findings of Fact Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 should be adopted.
- 7. Desert Wind's fair value rate base is not useful in determining just and reasonable rates for the competitive services it proposes to provide to Arizona customers.
- 8. Desert Wind's rates, as they appear in its proposed tariffs, are just and reasonable and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of DNR Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Desert Wind Communications for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for authority to provide competitive resold interexchange telecommunications services, except local exchange services within Maricopa County, is hereby granted, conditioned upon its compliance with the conditions recommended by Staff as set forth in Findings of Fact Nos. 10, 11, 12, and 13 above.

DECISION NO. _____

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Staff's recommendations set forth in Findings of Fact Nos. 2 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 above are hereby adopted. 3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that DNR Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Desert Wind 4 Communications shall comply with the adopted Staff recommendations as set forth in Findings of 5 Fact Nos. 10, 11, and 13 above. 6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if DNR Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Desert Wind 7 Communications fails to meet the timeframes outlined in Findings of Fact No. 12 above, that the 8 Certificate conditionally granted herein shall become null and void without further Order of the 9 Commission. 10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if DNR Enterprises, L.L.C. dba Desert Wind 11 Communications fails to notify each of its customers and the Commission at least 60 days prior to 12 filing an application to discontinue service pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-1107, its Certificate of 13 Convenience and Necessity shall be deemed void. 14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately. 15 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION. 16 17 CHAIRMAN COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER 18 19 COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER 20 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive 21 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the 22 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this _____ day of , 2004. 23 24 BRIAN C. McNEIL 25 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** 26 DISSENT 27 DISSENT AP:mj 28

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